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REMARKS

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1. Four trains with engineer units were unloaded at the Dessau (N 52/E 17) railroad station on 4 June 1952.

2. Engineer camps observed on the Elbe River since 4 June included:

1 tent camp with an engineer battalion, 2 km west of Kuehnau, 1 km south of the river; 1 camp with two engineer battalions near river marker 272, 1 km south of the river; 1 engineer camp near river marker 267, 1 km south of the river. Forty-two two-section pontoons and 2 ferries with Diesel rams were stored near river marker 268. About 25 pontoons and 1 Diesel rams were stored in six places between river markers 271.5 and 273.5. The Elbe River was to be closed between river markers 267 and 270 because of bridge building from midnight to 4 p.m. on 14 June, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on 17 June and from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on 18 and 19 June. *

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3. [redacted] all sign posts and propaganda material were removed at the Deutsche Verwaltungsakademie in Forstzinna near Jueterbog (N 52/E 69). [redacted] beginning 9 June, the installation would be vacated and the personnel would move to Potsdam-Babelsberg (N 53/Z 63). Fifteen military trucks parked 150 meters west of the installation. Eight tents with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and signal insignia and six [redacted]

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[redacted] were seen 300 meters east of the installation. Source believed that they belonged to an advance detachment. **

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* Comment. Information [redacted]

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[redacted] indicates that components of engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army concentrated in the engineer training area between Aken and Dessau on the south bank of the Elbe River since early June included: the 19th Indep Gds Engr Bn of the Eighth Gds Army, the unidentified guards engineer battalion of the XXIX Gds Itz Rifle Corps.

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the 67th Engr Bn (US) of the 57th Cds Mtz Rifle Div and the unidentified guards engineer battalion of the 21st Cds Mecz Div.

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According to other information, these engineer units were previously in the engineer training area near Bad Koesen. The same information from the transport control headquarters in Erfurt indicated that the 800th Engr Bn of the XXVIII Cds Mtz Rifle Corps was transferred to the area of Terplin on 7 June. The engineer battalions of the two divisions of this corps are probably still with their divisions which are stationed in the area of Cardruf.

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** Comment. the Adolf Hitler Camp would be vacated by the Walter Ulbricht Verwaltungsakademie and that military units, probably elements of the headquarters or army troops of the Third Cds Mecz Army would reoccupy the installation.

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the 199th Light Arty Brig of the Third Cds Mecz Army are not a positive indication that elements of this brigade are to be transferred there. There is another indication which appears more credible that components from Muensdorf will move in.

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